

tion, and if it decides to recommend to the people any such revisions, that proposal will have to be ratified by the voters, just as ours will have to be ratified by the voters on May 14.

Therefore, there are more than adequate safeguards built in to this procedure, and I submit that in order to give this measure of government to the people it is essential for us to support this amendment.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, this is exactly the same type of initiative that we acted upon, heard arguments pro and con on yesterday, and substantially and roundly defeated. May I give you in quick staccato style, seven good reasons why this also should be defeated?

First, there is already adopted a mandatory provision for calling the convention every twenty years if desired by the people. Secondly, there is a control of the legislature already by the electorate. Third, there is a danger of initiative petition such as this being started and controlled by special interest groups. Fourth, the shortened constitution that we are evidently adopting here is a good, streamlined constitution which leaves the details as such to the legislature. Therefore, I do not think the calling of the convention for change is absolutely necessary in initiative proceeding.

Fifth, it is well established that a properly proportioned legislature is to be trusted to reflect the demands of the people, and they have the right in our Constitution to call such a constitutional convention. Sixth, I think the unified control of drafting of written law should remain in the legislature. Seventh, I feel that the initiative of calling a constitutional convention has already been voiced by this Convention, and I think for consistency's sake, if nothing else, we again should defeat the initiative. Lastly, the right of the people is retained to pass upon the calling of the Constitutional Convention, and thus you cannot go wrong when you leave it in the hands of the people.

I would urge the defeat of this amendment.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The Chair would like to speak a moment before calling for the previous question.

Delegate Linton called to the Chair's attention that Miss Shelby Carey of Charles

County, Governor of Girls' State, Miss Teenage Maryland, is here to present pictures to Governor Agnew. She is here in the gallery with her parents and brothers.

*(Applause.)*

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The previous question has been moved.

All in favor, say Aye; opposed, No. The Ayes seem to have it. The Ayes have it.

The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to Committee Recommendations GP-7, GP-8, GP-9, GP-12, R&P-1 and LB-3 as amended by the Style Committee Report S&D-17.

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

Delegates will record their vote.

*(Whereupon a roll call vote was taken.)*

Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Mr. President, thank you again for giving me this opportunity to speak before the body. I vote Yes.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Boileau votes Yes.

Has every member recorded his vote?

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 72 votes in the negative and 28 in the affirmative, the amendment fails for want of a majority.

Delegate Marion, do you wish to offer your amendment? This is Amendment K. The pages will distribute Amendment K.

This will be Amendment No. 10.

Point of inquiry: Has the electronics staff been working on your button, Delegate Boileau?

DELEGATE BOILEAU: I do not know, Mr. President. It still does not work too well.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Has Amendment K been distributed?

I have been advised the amendment has not returned from the print shop as yet to distribute sufficient copies.

We will proceed to another amendment and come back to that when copies arrive.

Amendment G? Delegate Weidemeyer, do you wish to offer your Amendment G?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I do, Mr. President.